MONTANA FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT
-:- FUR ANIMAL SEASONS -:-

1954-1955 Regulations Adopted August 16, 1954 1954-1955

MINK — MUSKRAT — FOX

Western Montana (As designated on Trapper Map)—Open season on MINK, MUSKRAT, and FOX in western Montana will extend from November 10 through December 24, 1954.

Eastern Montana (As designated on Trapper Map)—Open season on MINK in eastern Montana will extend from November 10 through December 31, 1954. Open season on MUSKRATS in eastern Montana will extend from November 10 through April 30, 1955. There will be no closed season on FOX in eastern Montana.

Western and eastern Montana as designated on the Trapper Map are separated by the following line: Proceeding in a southerly direction along the common boundary of Liberty and Hill Counties to the Marias River, thence in a southeasterly direction along the Marias River to its confluence with the Missouri River, thence in a southeasterly direction along the Missouri River and south bank of the Fort Peck Reservoir to the point where the county line between Petroleum and Garfield Counties diverges from said reservoir, thence south along the east bank of the Musselshell River, including said river in western Montana, to the point where the common boundary of Musselshell and Rosebud Counties diverges from the Musselshell River, thence south to the Montana State line along county lines bordered on the west by Musselshell, Yellowstone and Big Horn Counties, and on the east by Rosebud, Treasure and Powder River Counties, respectively.

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GENERAL BEAVER SEASON

APPLICATION

Only persons 12 years old or older and in possession of a 1954-55 General Trapper license may apply for a General Beaver Season Permit (General Trapper License may be applied for at the time of application for General Beaver Season Permit).

All General Beaver Season Permit applications must be received by the State Fish and Game Warden at Helena on or before October 1, 1954.

Application forms can be obtained from any Deputy Game Warden or from the Helena office.

AREAS

Beaver Trapping Areas are described on the Trapper Map.

Applicants may choose any **one** area described on the Trapper Map.

LIMITS

Some Beaver Trapping Areas have a set quota of beaver to be taken, as designated on the Trapper Map. In each of these areas the limit per trapper will be established by dividing the beaver quota among the applicants. No limit will be set on the number of beaver a trapper may take in those areas marked "No Limit" on the Trapper Map.

PERMITS (General Beaver Season)

Each applicant will receive notification when permits are released. The trapper may then obtain transport tags and permit from the Deputy Game Warden in his Beaver Trapping Area. Permits are not valid unless signed by both the permittee and the Deputy Game Warden on or before the thirtieth day following the opening of the General Beaver Season in the applicant's chosen Beaver Trapping Area.

General Beaver Season Permits are not valid on privately owned or leased land unless properly signed by the owner or lessee of said land. (In the case of absentee ownership a letter from the owner or lessee to the trapper containing permission to trap beaver must be obtained by the trapper.)

The General Beaver Season Permit is not transferable. It shall be in the personal possession of the trapper when said trapper is engaged in trapping beaver on said permit. All General Beaver Season Permits must be properly filled out, and turned into the deputy game warden in the area for which it was issued within ten (10) days after the closing of the corresponding General Beaver Season.

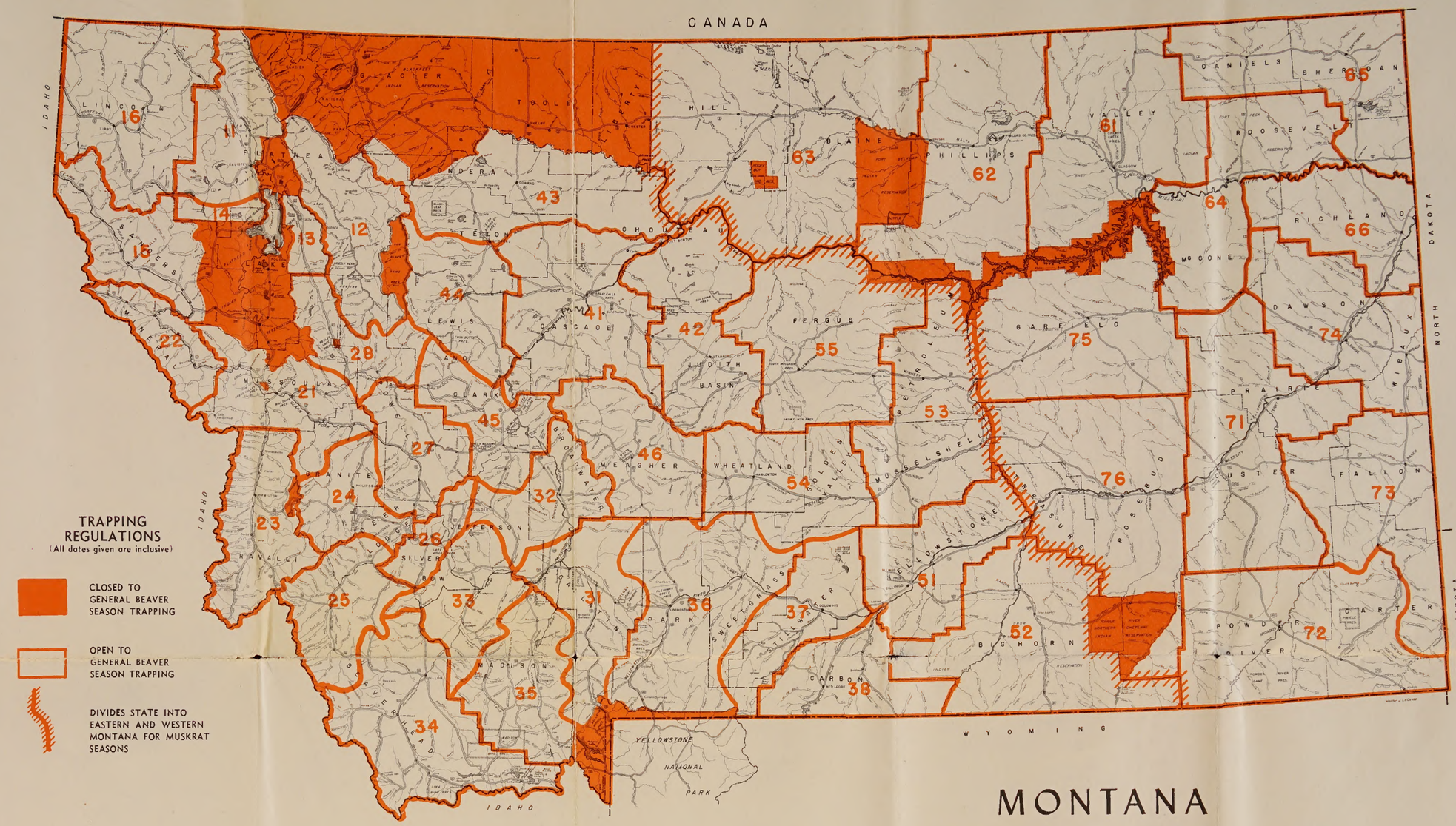
TRANSPORT TAGS

Any and every person trapping beaver on a General Beaver Season Permit shall tag each beaver taken by affixing a Transport Tag to the pelt (up under the upper lip and out through an eye hole) immediately after capture and before removing the intact beaver or skin from the specific location of capture.

Transport Tags will be issued with the permit by the Deputy Game Warden in the applicant's Beaver Trapping Area.

Beaver and/or beaver skins properly tagged with Transport Tags may be transported only within the State of Montana, only by the person to whom the tags were issued, and only when in the immediate possession of said person.

Transport Tags and/or beaver skins tagged only with Transport Tags are not otherwise transferable.



LOCATION OF TRAPPING WITHIN AREA

Deputy Game Wardens shall have the authority to designate specific beaver trapping locations, within each Beaver Trapping Area in their district, for each beaver trapper legally registered therein. Trappers must abide by this designation and may not trap beaver in any other locality on the General Beaver Season Permit

TAGGING TRAPS

It shall be prohibited for any person to trap for beaver under the General Beaver Season Permit unless there is securely fastened to the chain of each trap used, a metal tag bearing in legible English the name and address of the user.

FEES AND APPLICATIONS FOR REGULAR BEAVER TAGS

Application for regular beaver tags must be made through the Deputy Game Warden in the applicant's Beaver Trapping Area. With this application the trapper must remit $.50 for each tag needed. Upon receiving the tags the trapper will pay the deputy a 10c tagging fee for each tag affixed.

CLOSED TO ALL TRAPPING: State Preserves—Sun River, Gallatin, Skalkaho, Grass Valley and Seeley Lake; and all Federal Preserves. Permits to trap on Federal Preserves may be issued by Federal Refuge Manager.

TRAPPING LICENSES: Issued by the State Fish and Game Warden, Helena, Montana.
General Trapper's License — $10.00 — Applicants must give the number of their 1954 Bird and Fish License.
Land Owner's Trapping License — $1.00 — Applicants must give description of land owned or leased.

MONTANA FISH AND GAME LAWS prohibit the shooting of muskrat and the taking of beaver by any method other than trapping; in addition it is unlawful for any person to wilfully destroy, open or leave open, or partially destroy the house of a muskrat or beaver.

MONTANA
Fish and Game Department Trapper Map

1954-55 General Beaver Season
ONLY ONE AREA MAY BE CHOSEN

Area No.	Quota	Season Dates	Warden for Area	Warden's Address
11	550	Oct. 15 to April 30	E. M. Sager	Kalispell
12	400	Oct. 15 to April 30	L. Deist	Kalispell
13	100	March 1 to April 30	O. J. Nollar	Polson
14	100	Nov. 10 to April 30	O. J. Nollar	Polson
15	250	Nov. 10 to April 30	A. H. Cheney	Thompson Falls
16	950	Nov. 1 to April 30	Pat Couvillion	Libby
21	200	Nov. 10 to April 30	C. P. Howard	Missoula
22	500	Nov. 10 to April 30	M. R. Ammerman	Superior
23	500	Nov. 10 to April 30	C. L. Taylor, Jr.	Hamilton
24	350	Nov. 10 to April 30	S. P. Markle	Anaconda
25	500	Nov. 1 to April 30	W. E. Schultz	Wisdom
26	200	Nov. 10 to April 30	J. Larson	Butte
27	400	Nov. 10 to April 30	L. B. Barton	Deer Lodge
28	450	Nov. 10 to April 30	R. Thompson	Greenough
31	250	Oct. 15 to April 30	L. C. Clark	Bozeman
32	450	Oct. 15 to April 30	J. C. Thompson	Townsend
33	800	Oct. 15 to April 30	J. Rogers	Twin Bridges
34	1100	Oct. 15 to April 30	W. Fitzwater	Dillon
35	300	Oct. 15 to April 30	I. L. Todd	Ennis
36	700	Oct. 15 to April 30	J. F. Burke	Livingston
37	400	Oct. 15 to April 30	Dep. Game Warden	Columbus
38	400	Oct. 15 to April 30	V. Waples	Red Lodge
41	No Limit	Nov. 10 to April 30	T. R. Hay	Great Falls
42	No Limit	Nov. 10 to April 30	H. E. Preshinger	Stanford
43	No Limit	Nov. 10 to April 30	R. L. Somers	Conrad
44	200	Nov. 10 to April 30	W. Eckerson	Augusta
45	450	Nov. 10 to April 30	K. O. Fallang	Helena
46	200	Nov. 10 to April 30	P. K. Mihalovich	White Sulphur Sp
51	750	Nov. 10 to April 30	J. Kohler	Billings
52	600	Nov. 10 to April 30	F. Starina	Hardin
53	No Limit	Nov. 10 to April 30	R. Shields	Roundup
54	No Limit	Nov. 10 to April 30	G. O. Johnson	Harlowton
55	No Limit	Nov. 10 to April 30	W. Vangsness	Lewistown
61	No Limit	Nov. 1 to April 30	P. F. Quiring	Fort Peck
62	No Limit	Nov. 1 to April 30	H. C. Friede	Malta
63	No Limit	Nov. 1 to April 30	O. Kebschull	Havre
64	No Limit	Nov. 1 to April 30	A. S. Rogers	Wolf Point
65	No Limit	Nov. 1 to April 30	C. Gilmore	Plentywood
66	No Limit	Nov. 1 to April 30	H. Gartside	Sidney
71	No Limit	Nov. 1 to April 30	J. B. Nicolay	Miles City
72	No Limit	Nov. 1 to April 30	W. N. Linville	Broadus
73	No Limit	Nov. 1 to April 30	G. Hollibaugh	Baker
74	No Limit	Nov. 1 to April 30	J. R. Cook	Glendive
75	100	Nov. 1 to April 30	O. W. Lewis	Miles City
76	No Limit	Nov. 1 to April 30	W. S. Maloit	Forsyth

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: All applications must be received on or before October 1, 1954 by the State Fish and Game Warden at Helena, Montana. Application is to be made only on forms made available by the Montana Fish and Game Department, either through the State Fish and Game Warden at Helena or one of his deputies. Only residents of Montana 12 years or older and in possession of a 1954-55 General Trapper's License (space is provided on the application form for application for a General Trapper's License) may apply.

BEAVER TRAPPING AREAS

11. That portion of Flathead County including the Stillwater River, Whitefish River, Little Bitterroot River and Ashley Creek drainages, and the North Fork of the Flathead River and its tributaries entering from the west, shall be open to trapping for 550 beaver by General Beaver Season Permit only, from October 15, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

12. That portion of Flathead, Lewis and Clark, Powell, and Missoula Counties including the South Fork of the Flathead River drainage, and the Middle Fork of the Flathead River drainage upstream from the mouth of Bear Creek, shall be open to trapping for 400 beaver by General Beaver Season Permit only, from October 15, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

13. That portion of Lake County including the Swan River drainage, shall be open to trapping for 100 beaver by General Beaver Season Permit only, from March 1, 1955 through April 30, 1955.

14. That portion of Flathead County including the Thompson River drainage and Hubbart Reservoir and Lake Mary Ronan areas, shall be open to trapping for 100 beaver hy General Beaver Season Permit only, from November 10, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

15. Sanders County in its entirety except the Flathead Indian Reservation, shall be open for trapping of 250 beaver by General Beaver Season Permit only, from November 10, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

16. Lincoln County in its entirety shall be open to trapping for 950 beaver by General Beaver Season Permit only, from November 1, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

21. Those portions of Mineral and Missoula Counties, including the Upper South Fork of Fish Creek, the Bitterroot and Clark Fork River drainages and the Blackfoot River drainage downstream from Clearwater; and that portion of Granite County including the Clark Fork River drainage downstream from Drummond except the Upper Rock Creek drainage in Area 24, shall be open to trapping for 200 beaver by General Beaver Permit only, from November 10, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

22. That portion of Mineral County including the St. Regis and Clark Fork Rivers, shall be open to trapping for 500 beaver by General Beaver Season Permit only, from November 10, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

23. Ravalli County in its entirety except for the Skalkaho Game Preserve, shall be open to trapping for 500 beaver by General Beaver Season Permit only, from November 10, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

24. Those portions of Granite and Deer Lodge Counties including the Upper Rock Creek, Flint Creek and Warm Springs Creek drainages, shall be open to trapping for 350 beaver by General Beaver Season Permit only, from November 10, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

25. Those portions of Beaverhead and Deer Lodge Counties lying within the Big Hole River drainage downstream to the mouth of Divide Creek, shall he open to trapping for 500 beaver by General Beaver Season Permit only, from November 1, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

26. That portion of Silver Bow County not included in Area No. 33 and that portion of Jefferson County including the Boulder River drainage downstream to the divide between Basin and Cataract Creeks shall be open to trapping for 200 beaver by General Beaver Season Permit only, from November 10, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

27. That portion of Powell County lying south of the Ovando-Lincoln Pass road and including the Blackfoot River drainage; those portions of Powell and Granite Counties including the Clark Fork River drainage and that portion of Deer Lodge County lying east of U. S. Highway 10 South, shall be open to trapping for 400 beaver by General Beaver Season Permit only, from Novemher 10, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

28. Those portions of Lewis and Clark, Missoula and Powell Counties including the Clearwater and Swan River drainages; and the Blackfoot River and its tributaries upstream from Clearwater to Ovando and all its tributaries north of the Ovando-Lincoln Pass road to the Powell-Lewis and Clark County line, shall be open to trapping for 450 beaver by General Beaver Season Permit only, from November 10, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

31. Those portions of Gallatin and Park Counties including the Gallatin River and Sixteen-Mile Creek drainages; and those portions of Gallatin, Madison, Jefferson and Broadwater Counties including portions of the Missouri, Madison and Jefferson River drainages near the point of their confluence, shall be open to trapping for 250 beaver by General Beaver Season Permit only, from October 15, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

32. The Missouri River and its entering tributaries in Broadwater and Jefferson Counties from the mouth of Sixteen-Mile Creek to the Broadwater-Lewis and Clark County line and the Boulder River drainage in Jefferson County from its mouth to the divide between Basin and Cataract Creeks, shall be open to trapping for 450 beaver by General Beaver Season Permit only, from October 15, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

33. Those portions of Jefferson, Silver Bow, and Madison Counties including Pipestone Creek, Whitetail Creek, and Beaverhead River drainages, the lower Big Hole River drainage in Madison County, and the Jefferson River downstream from Twin Bridges to Sappington junction; and the Big Hole drainage in Silver Bow and Beaverhead Counties from Divide Creek to the divide between Cherry Creek and Browne Creek, shall be open to trapping for 800 beaver by General Season Beaver Permit only, from October 15, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

34. That portion of Beaverhead County, including the Beaverhead River drainage and the Big Hole River south from Browne Creek to where it no longer coincides with the Beaverhead-Madison County line, shall be open to trapping for 1,100 beaver by General Beaver Season Permit only, from October 15, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

35. That portion of Madison County including the Madison River and Willow Creek drainages, and that portion of the Ruby River drainage south and east of the Sheridan-Dillon road, shall be open to trapping for 300 beaver by General Beaver Season Permit only, from October 15, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

36. Those portions of Park, Gallatin and Sweet Grass Counties including the Yellowstone River drainage upstream from the town of Greycliff, shall be open to trapping for 700 beaver by General Beaver Season Permit only, from October 15, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

37. Those portions of Stillwater, Sweet Grass and Carbon Counties including the Yellowstone and Stillwater drainages downstream from the town of Greycliff to the Stillwater-Yellowstone County line, except the East Rosebud Creek drainage in Area 38 in Carbon County, shall be open to trapping for 400 beaver by General Beaver Season Permit only, from October 15, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

38. Those portions of Park and Carbon Counties including the Stillwater and Clark Fork River drainages, shall he open to trapping for 400 beaver by General Beaver Season Permit only, from October 15, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

41. Cascade County in its entirety and those portions of Teton and Chouteau Counties bounded on the north by the Teton River, the west by U. S. Highway 89 and the Lowry-Fairfield road, and on the east by the Missouri River; and that portion of Lewis and Clark County which includes the Missouri River downstream from the Gates of the Mountains Closure, shall be open to trapping for beaver by General Beaver Season Permit, from November 10, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

42. Judith Basin County in its entirety and that portion of Chouteau County lying south of the Missouri River, shall be open to trapping for beaver by General Beaver Season Permit, from November 10, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

43. Those portions of Glacier, Pondera, Toole, Liberty, Chouteau and Teton Counties lying west of the Missouri River and south of the Marias River, Blackfoot Indian Reservation and the Glacier National Park; and bounded on the south by the Teton River upstream to the mouth of Deep Creek, thence to the Continental Divide along the divide separating the main Teton River drainage from the Deep Creek and Sun River drainages, shall be open to trapping for beaver by General Beaver Season Permit, from November 10, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

44. Those portions of Lewis and Clark and Teton Counties including the Willow Creek, Deep Creek, Sun River and Dearborn River drainages, shall be open to trapping for 200 beaver by General Beaver Season Permit only, from November 10, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

45. Those portions of Lewis and Clark and Jefferson Counties including Prickley Pear Creek drainage and the Missouri River with its entering tributaries from the Broadwater-Lewis and Clark County line to the northern boundary of the Gates of the Mountains Closure, and the upper drainages of the main fork of the Blackfoot River, shall be open to trapping for 450 beaver by General Beaver Season Permit only, from November 10, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

46. Meagher County in its entirety shall be open to trapping for 200 beaver by General Beaver Season Permit only, from November 10, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

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51. Yellowstone County in its entirety shall be open to trapping for 750 beaver by General Beaver Season Permit only, from November 10, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

52. Big Horn County in its entirety, except the Tongue River-Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation shall be open to trapping for 600 beaver by General Beaver Season Permit only, from November 10, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

53. Musselshell and Petroleum Counties in their entireties, and those portions of Garfield and Rosebud Counties through which the Musselshell River flows, shall he open to trapping for beaver by General Beaver Season Permit, from November 10, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

54. Wheatland and Golden Valley Counties in their entireties, and those portions of Sweet Grass and Stillwater Counties within the drainage of the Musselshell River, shall be open to trapping for beaver by General Beaver Season Permit, from November 10, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

55. Fergus County in its entirety, except the Fort Peck Game Range, shall be open to trapping for beaver by General Beaver Season Permit, from Novemher 10, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

61. Valley County except the Fort Peck Game Range, shall be open to trapping for beaver by General Beaver Season Permit, from November 1, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

62. That portion of Phillips County except the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, Little Rockies Preserve and the Fort Peck Game Range, shall be open to trapping for beaver by General Beaver Season Permit, from November 1, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

63. Those portions of Hill, Blaine and Chouteau Counties lying north of the Marias and Missouri Rivers, except Fort Belknap and Rocky Boy Indian Reservations, shall be open to trapping for beaver by General Beaver Season Permit, from Novemher 1, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

64. That portion of Roosevelt County west of Big Muddy Creek, and that portion of McCone County west of the Circle-Wolf Point Highway and north of the Circle-Jordan Highway, except the Fort Peck Game Range, shall be open to trapping for beaver by General Beaver Season Permit, from November 1, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

65. Daniels and Sheridan Counties in their entireties, and that portion of Roosevelt County east of Muddy Creek, shall be open to trapping for beaver by General Beaver Season Permit, from Novemher 1, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

66. Richland County in its entirety and that portion of McCone County east of the Circle-Wolf Point Highway and north of a line continuous with the east-west McCone-Dawson County line in the vicinity of Vida, shall be open to trapping for beaver by General Beaver Season Permit, from November 1, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

71. Prairie County in its entirety, that portion of Custer County lying west of the Powder River, and that portion of McCone County south of Highway No. 18, shall be open to trapping for heaver by General Beaver Season Permit, from November 1, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

72. Powder River County in its entirety; and that portion of Carter County, including the Little Missouri River drainage upstream from the town of Albion and the Box Elder Creek drainage upstream from the crossing of the Belltower-Ekalaka road, shall be open to trapping for beaver by General Beaver Season Permit, from November 1, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

73. Fallon County in its entirety; that portion of Custer County east of the Powder River; and that portion of Carter County including the Little Missouri River drainage downstream from the town of Albion, the Box Elder Creek drainage downstream from the crossing of the Belltower-Ekalaka road and the Little Beaver Creek drainage downstream from the Ekalaka-Powderville road, shall be open to trapping for beaver by General Beaver Season Permit, from November 1, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

74. Dawson and Wibaux Counties in their entireties, and that portion of McCone County in the Redwater River drainage between Circle and the Dawson County line, shall be open to trapping for heaver by General Beaver Season Permit, from November 1, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

75. Garfield County in its entirety, except the Fort Peck Game Range and the Musselshell River (See Area 53), shall be open to trapping for 100 beaver by General Beaver Season Permit only, from November 1, 1954 through April 30, 1955.

76. Treasure and Rosebud Counties in their entireties, except the Tongue River-Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation, and the Musselshell River (See Area 53), shall be open to trapping for beaver by General Beaver Season Permit, from November 1, 1954 through April 30, 1955.